

G-IV-C-053

ca. 1880

James H. Wilson House

Kitzmilller

Private

The James H. Wilson House is a two story, gable-roofed, balloon frame building on a stone foundation. The original block has a rectangular three bay by one bay configuration with a symmetrical, center door facade and a shed-roofed porch that extends across the facade and continues around to the northwest endwall. After 1891 a two story, cross gable wing was added to the rear. 4/4 sash windows light both sections.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY ^{ML}**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

James H. Wilson House

AND/OR COMMON

Richard L. Cropp House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Off North Hill Rd. - E. side, .4 mi. S. of North Hill Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Kitzmilller

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Richard L. Cropp

Telephone #: (301) 453-3385

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 368

Folio #: 843

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The James H. Wilson House is located on the east side of Short Run Road approximately .4 mile south of its junction with North Hill Road. The facade points southwest, toward the road.

The house is a two-story, gable-roofed, balloon frame building on a foundation of coursed, roughly squared stone. Its basic configuration is a three bay by one bay main block with a two story cross gable addition at the rear that extends its cross gable beyond the northwest endwall of the main block. The facade has a symmetrical, three bay, center door arrangement. A hip-roofed porch supported by chamfered posts extends the length of the facade and continues around to the northwest endwall. A shed-roofed porch is located on the southeast elevation of the rear addition.

Four over four sash windows light both the main block and the rear addition. A small four-pane window pierces each gable as well. German siding covers the northeast elevation of the rear addition. The remainder of the building is sheathed with asbestos shingles. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has a box cornice with partial gable end returns on both sections. An exterior concrete block chimney is located on the northeast elevation.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1880

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

It is thought that James H. Wilson had this house built.¹ Wilson (1851-1929) inherited what has been called "the 'new end' of the Wilson Homestead at Kitzmiller." He married his first cousin Mary Margaret Harvey (1856-1938) in 1876,² so the house may possibly date from the late 1870's. The present owners report that a barn with an 1879 datestone once stood southeast of the house. The house was built in two sections, the front being the older part. Photographs in the possession of family members indicate that the rear addition still was not built by 1891.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

¹Interview with Mrs. Richard L. Cropp, January 19, 1981.

²Wilson, Merritt, Jr. The Wilson Family of Western Maryland and West Virginia and Associated Families, (Athens, Ohio: Lawhead Press, 1971), p.251.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Valerie Cesna, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

June 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

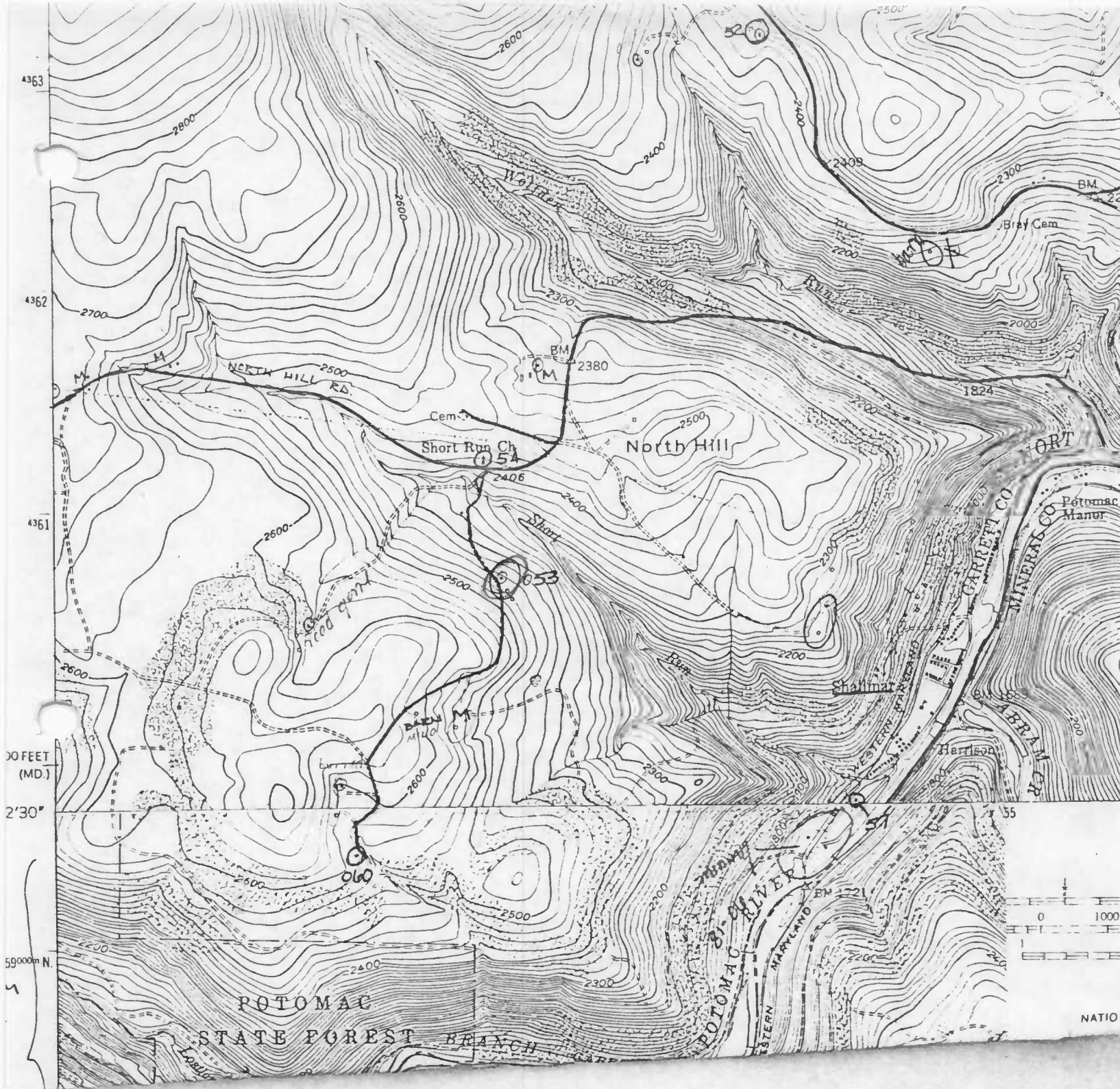
STATE

Maryland 21401

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



Kitzmiller, MD-WV
 USGS 7.5 minute series
 Scale - 1:24,000
 1948; photorevised 1974

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 James H. Wilson House
 Off North Hill Rd.,
 approximately .4 mile
 South of North Hill Rd.



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Garrett Co., MD

Valerie Cesna 1/19/81

Facade: SW elev.



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Rear: NE elev.